Cases pending in Women Courts in Punjab

557. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases are lying pending in the women courts of Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending in these courts at present and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for speedy disposal of these cases; and

(d) the amount increased by the Central Government for setting up of these courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) In December, 1999, the Punjab and Haryana High Court had informed that no Women/ Mahila Courts had been established in the State of Punjab.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of a Commission to review the Constitution

558. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally set up Commission to review the Constitution;

(b) if so, the composition of the members and the terms of reference of the Commission; and

(c) what circumstances arose due to which Government thought to review the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission is composed of a Chairperson and

10 Members. The Commission shall examine, in the light of the experience of the past 50 years, as to how best the Constitution can respond to the changing needs of efficient, smooth and effective system of governance and socio-economic development of modern India within the framework of Parliamentary democracy and to recommend changes, if any, that are required in the provisions of the Constitution without interfering with its basic structure or features.

(c) The Government have constituted the "National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution", *vide* Government Resolution dated February 22, 2000 in pursuance of the National Agenda for Governance which contains a pledge that a Commission shall be appointed to review the Constitution of India in the light of more than 50 years of its working and to make suitable recommendations for any possible changes.

Phasing out old Vehicles in Delhi

559. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to stop registering commercial vehicles running on petrol or diesel in Delhi;

(b) if so, from which date;

(c) whether there is any plan for phasing out old vehicles from Delhi roads; and

(d) if so, what alternative plan Government have in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Transport Department, Government of NCT, Delhi have